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I find the settlement as currently extant seriously flawed. Microsoft is not seriously hindered from continuing to engage in unfair and or unethical business practices. I was (very) disappointed at the limited scope of the original charge. Many of Microsofts most egregious faults were completely ignored. C'est la vie.

The proposed settlement agreement ignores the hobby and Open Source software movement. The Apache web server program currrently enjoys the largest market share. There are many other examples of non-commercial software, too numerous to enumerate here, which are effectively disempowered re Microsoft by the provisions (Section III(J)(2) and Section III(D)) of the agreement. I'm not an attorney nor do I have any significant legal training but I also suspect these provisions also leave out educational establishments as well as federal and state government agencies.

In summation, I strongly oppose the settlement its current form.